STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



March 23, 2015



TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATE

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR SENATE BILL 2780

I am returning Senate Bill Number 2780: AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-29-149.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL EMERGENCY GOOD SAMARITAN ACT" TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM ARREST OR PROSECUTION FOR CERTAIN DRUG VIOLATIONS BY A PERSON SEEKING TREATMENT FOR A DRUG OVERDOSE IF THE EVIDENCE OF THE VIOLATION RESULTS FROM THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF THE DRUG OVERDOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

Section 1 of Senate Bill 2780 is identical to Section 2 of House Bill 692. Senate Bill 2780 and House Bill 692 also both contain July 1, 2015 effective dates and intend to make the new section of law prospective in its operation. I signed House Bill 692 on March 13, 2015; therefore, there is no need for Senate Bill 2780.

Respectfully submitted,

PHIL BRYANT GOVERNOR